

*A Declaration and Ordinance of the Lords
and Commons assembled in Parliament,
For raising of a Body of Horse, &c.*

THe Lords and Commons taking into their sad and serious consideration, the great and manifold miseries under which the good and well-affected People of this Land now suffer, by means of that Popish Army which is pretended to be raised by the Kings authority; which consisting for the most part in Horse, do range and wander up and down the countries, and not onely Plunder, Imbezill, and take away the Goods and Estates of the well-affected, but abuse their Persons, and very often times destroy and kill them: And in a deep sence and apprehension of their sad and wretched estate and condition, being not onely wholly deserted, and forsaken by those, from whom by the Laws of God and Man they ought to receive Protection, and preservation from Violence and Injury; but also their Persons & Estates exposed to Ruine and Destruction, without any colour or warrant of Legall authority: And the said Lords and Commons having resolved to apply the uttermost of their endeavours, in discharge of that great Trust reposed in them for the preservation, peace, and safety of the People of this Kingdom, and securing their Persons and Estates from the Rapine and Fury of the Souldiers; and finding it most necessary that a Body of Horse should be forthwith raised, To resist and repell the Insolencies and Outrages committed by the Souldiers of the Kings Army. Not doubting but all good people will readily and willingly contribute their best Assistance, unto a work so necessary, for the good of the Kingdom, and their own preservation; Have thought fit, and do hereby Declare and Ordain, That such number of good, able, and sufficient Horses for service (of which,

which, the Troops of Trained Horse of each county are to be accounted as part) shall be forthwith raised in such counties, cities and places, and brought unto such places of Rendezvous, and at such times as are hereafter in this Ordinance mentioned and expressed; That is to say, within the cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Suburbs thereof, and the county of *Middlesex*, there shall be forthwith raised Fifteen hundred Horse; within the county of *Hertford*, Three hundred Horse; within the county of *Essex*, Five hundred Horse; within the county of *Surrey*, Three hundred Horse; within the county of *Sussex*, Four hundred Horse; within the county of *Kent*, Six hundred Horse, of which number the city of *Canterbury* and Cinque-Ports are to bear an equall proportion; within the county of *Buckingham*, Two hundred Horse; within the county of *Bedford*, Two hundred Horse; within the county of *Berks*, Two hundred Horse; within the county of *Southampton*, Five hundred Horse; within the county of *Cambridge* and Isle of *Ely*, Two hundred Horse; within the county of *Huntingdon*, One hundred Horse; within the county of *Suffolk*, Five hundred Horse; within the county of *Norfolk*, Six hundred Horse, of which the city of *Normich* is to bear an equall proportion; and within the county of *Northampton*, Four hundred Horse. And it is further Ordained, That such of the Trained Horse of *London*, *Westminster*, and the county of *Middlesex*, and such others as are already raised within the said cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and county of *Middlesex*, do meet in *Tot-hill* fields in *Westminster*, on the Five and twentieth of this instant *July*, and the rest appointed by this Ordinance to be raised within the said cities and county, to make up the number of Fifteen hundred on the Fourth of *August* next, and the Trained Horse of the counties of *Essex*, and *Kent*, and such other Horse as are already raised within the said counties, are to meet in *Tot-hill* fields in *Westminster* on Friday next, the Eight and twentieth of this instant *July*, and the rest appointed by this Ordinance

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to be raised to make up the proportions allotted upon the severall counties, are to meet at the said Rendezvous on the the Fourth of *August* next; and the Trained-Horse of the counties of *Suffolk*, *Norfolk*, *Cambridge*, *Isle of Ely*, and *Huntingdon*, and such other Horse as are already raised within the said counties, are to meet at *Cambridge* on the First of *August* next; and the rest appointed by this Ordinance to be raised, to make up the proportions allotted upon these severall counties, are to meet at the said Rendezvous on the Eight of *August* next; and the Trained-Horse of the counties of *Surrey*, *Sussex*, *Southampton* and *Berks*, and such other Horse as are already raised within the said counties, are to meet at *Windsor* on the Eight and twentieth of this instant *July*; and the rest appointed by this Ordinance to be raised, to make up the proportions allotted upon these severall counties, are to meet at the said Rendezvous on the Fourth of *August* next; and the Trained-Horse of *Hertfordshire*, *Bedfordshire*, *Northamptonshire*, and *Buckinghamshire*, and such other Horse as are already raised within the said counties, are to meet at *Bedford* on the First of *August* next; and the rest appointed by this Ordinance to be raised, to make up the proportions allotted upon these severall counties, are to meet at the said Rendezvous on the Eight of *August* next.

And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the severall and respective Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament, of the severall and respective cities, counties, and places aforesaid, and every Two of them, are hereby authorized and required to cause this Ordinance to be put in due, full, and speedy execution, and to use all possible diligence and circumspection in the taking and listing of such Horses, that the same may be done with such indifferency and equality, that as little offence may be given to the well-affected party as may be: And to the end that this work may be carried on with Expedition, and that the Deputy-Lieutenants
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and Committees of Parliament, unto whose care and fidelity the same is specially intrusted and recommended, as absolutely necessary, not onely for safety and preservation unto those counties, but even to the whole kingdom, to be forthwith dispatched, may be armed with power sufficient for the effecting of the same. Be it likewise Declared and Ordained, That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said severall and respective Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament, or any two of them as aforesaid, to take and seize the Horse or Horses of any person within any of the severall and respective cities, counties, or places as aforesaid, and them to list and Inroll, and cause to be brought to the respective Rendezvouze, appointed as aforesaid.

And if any person shall shew himself opposite or refractory unto this service, so as the same by means thereof shall be delayed, molested or interrupted, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament respectively, or any two of them, to impose a reasonable Fine on such person for such his contempt to this Ordinance, and disturbance to this so necessary a service, and the same Fine to leavie, by imprisonment of his Body, and sequestration of his Estate, untill the same shall be fully satisfied.

And full power and authority is hereby likewise given unto the said severall and respective Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament as aforesaid, to use all good and lawfull wayes and means for the effecting of this service, as in their wisdom, judgement and discretion shall be thought most conducing to the advancing thereof. And the said Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament as aforesaid, are to take care that able and sufficient Riders of the severall horses aforesaid, be provided of good and fitting Men, and of such persons as are well affected to this service; who are also to have provided and sent for every Souldier and Horse, one Moneths pay beforehand, by one fitting and sufficient person, who is to

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Continue with the said Horse as Paymaster, which Money is to be raised and leavyed out of the severall and respective counties, cities and places, in such manner as by the said severall and respective Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament, or any two of them, shall be thought most indifferent and convenient: And if any person shall refuse, or neglect to pay any sum of Money, whereat he shall be rated or assessed, that then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament, or any two of them, to appoint a Distresse of the Goods of such person to be taken, and to be sold for satisfaction of the same.

And it is further Ordained, That *Edward* Earl of *Manchester* shall command in chief, all the Horse and Foot that shall be raised in the counties aforesaid by virtue of this Ordinance. And it is likewise Ordained, That the respective Deputy-Lieutenants, Committees, and persons imployed by them of the counties, and cities of *London*, *Westminster*, *Middlesex*, *Essex*, and *Kent*, do deliver the Horses of their severall counties and cities, raised and to be raised as aforesaid, unto the Earl of *Manchester*, or in his absence to Colonell *de Mazeris*, appointed hereby to command the said Horse under the said Earl of *Manchester*, and to Train and Exercise them, and to imploy them for the defence of the said counties, as cause shall require, untill such time as further Order shall be taken by the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament. And it is further Ordained, That the said Earl of *Manchester*, or the said Colonell *de Mazeris* shall give in writing under his hand a perfect List of the numbers of Horse and Arms he receives of the severall counties: For the which Horse and Arms, the severall counties and persons who furnish the same, shall have the Publique-Faith for repayment and satisfaction. And it is further Ordained, That the respective Deputy-Lieutenants, Committees, and persons imployed by them of the counties of *Bedford*, *Buckingham*, *Northampton*, and *Hertford*, do deliver the

the Horses of their severall counties, raised and to be raised as
 aforesaid, unto the said Earl of *Manchester*, or in his absence to
 Sir *John Norrige*, appointed hereby to command the said
 Horse under the said Earl of *Manchester*; and to Train and Ex-
 ercise them, and to imploy them for the defence of the said
 counties, as cause shall require, untill such time as further Or-
 der shall be taken by the Lords and Commons now assembled
 in Parliament. And it is further Ordained, That the said Earl
 of *Manchester*, or the said Sir *John Norrige*, shall give in wri-
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 Arms he receiveth of the severall counties, for the which Horse
 and Arms, the severall counties and persons who furnish the
 same, shall have the Publique Faith for repayment and satis-
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 Lieutenants, Committees, and persons imployed by them of
 the counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, do deliver the Horses of
 their severall counties unto the said Earl of *Manchester*, or in
 his absence to Sir *Miles Hubbard*, appointed hereby to com-
 mand the said Horses under the said Earl, and to Train and
 Exercise them, and to imploy them for the defence of the said
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 ther Ordained, that the said Earl, or the said Sir *Miles Hubbard*
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 ber of Horse and Arms he receives of the severall counties, for
 the which Horse and Arms the severall counties and persons
 who furnish the same, shall have the Publique Faith for repay-
 ment and satisfaction. And it is also Ordained, That the re-
 spective Deputy-Lieutenants, Committees, and persons im-
 ployed by them of the counties of *Huntingdon*, *Cambridge*, and
 the Isle of *Ely*, do deliver the Horses of their severall counties, un-
 to the said Earl of *Manchester*, or in his absence to Colonell
Oliver Cromwell, appointed hereby to command the said Horse
 under the said Earl of *Manchester*, and to Train and Exercise
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them, and to imploy them for the defence of the said Counties, as cause shall require, untill such time as further Order shall be taken by the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament. And it is further Ordained, That the said Colonell Cromwell shall give in writing under his hand, a perfect List of the number of Horse and Arms he receives of the severall Counties; for the which Horse and Arms, the severall Counties and persons who furnish the same, shall have the Publique-Faith for repayment and satisfaction. And it is lastly Ordained, That the respective Deputy-Lieutenants, Committees, and persons imployed by them of the Counties of *Surrey, Sussex, Southampton and Berks*, do deliver the Horse of their severall Counties, unto the said Earl of *Manchester*, in his absence to Colonell *Richard Norton*, appointed likewise hereby, to command the said Horse under the said Earl of *Manchester*, and to Train and Exercise them, and to imploy them for the defence of the said Counties as cause shall require, untill such time as further Order shall be taken by the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament. And it is further Ordained, That the said Earl of *Manchester*, or the said Colonell *Norton*, shall give in writing under his hand, a perfect List of the number of Horse and Arms he receives of the severall Counties and persons who furnish the same, shall have the Publique-Faith for repayment and satisfaction.

Provided alwayes, that this Ordinance shall not extend to the Horses, Mares, or Geldings of any Peer, or Member of the House of Peers, nor to the Horses, Mares, or Geldings of any Assistant or Attendant in the said House of Peers.

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